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The Evening Staff

Clark Raises Oil Question About McCone

By the Associated Press

Senate debate on John A. McCone's nomination as director of the Central Intelligence Agency turns today to the question of any possible conflict of interests.

Senator Clark, Democrat of Pennsylvania, notified his colleagues he would discuss that question in the second day of speechmaking on the nomination.

The Senate has agreed to a showdown vote tomorrow on the gray-haired millionaire engineer and industrialist whom President Kennedy named to the top CIA post last November when Director Allen W. Dulles retired.

Senator Clark filed in the Congressional Record a memorandum stating that Mr. McCone, who has been serving under a recess appointment, has substantial holdings in the Standard Oil Co. of California, as well as shipping interests.

Commitment Unmade

Senator Clark did not commit himself for or against the nomination.

However, Senate Republican Leader Dirksen announced he will vote to confirm Mr. Mc-Cone, a Republican who has served previously as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Senate Majority Leader Mansfield forecast confirmation by a substantial majority.

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UV-YJO9 3017V98 Senator Clark's memorandum said Standard Oil of California is one of four companies which make up the Arabian-American Oil Co., (ARAMCO) which has relationships with the governments of Saudi Arabia and Bahrein.

The memo said any conflict likely to arise in a CIA director's case would have to occur in connection with purchases and contracts made by the CIA. Supporters of Mr. McCone contend that the CIA is not a purchasing or contracting agency.

McCarthy's Challenge

Senator McCarthy, Democrat of Minnesota, challenged Mr. McCone's qualifications and raised the question whether there should—ba-come congressional supervision of the CIA.

"I don't have adequate knowledge of his (Mr. Mc-Cone's) views on many complicated and difficult issues of foreign policy." Senator Mc-Corthu cold.

Carthy said.

He said the secret agency might some day embroil the United States in a war unless Congress sets up some supervisory check over its operations. Without debate, meanwhile,

without debate, meanwhile, the Senate gave voice vote approval to other appointments, resulting from Mr. Kennedy's shakeup of key State Department personnel last fall. The Senate also confirmed the new Secretary of the Navy, Fred Korth of Texas, and 10 new

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